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Cedarville University
2001 Women's Soccer Review
by Mark Womack, Sports Information Director

The Cedarville University women's soccer team posted their second straight winning record with an 11-9-1 slate. That's great for a program only in its fifth year of varsity competition. However, it was a season of what "could have been" if it weren't for injuries to key players from season's start.

The Lady Jackets opened with a 2-0 non-conference win at Taylor which included CU all-time leading scorer Michelle Ruhlman getting knocked unconscious. That mishap put her on the sidelines for the next three matches and Cedarville was never at full strength again.

The Jackets won two of their next three before rolling into NAIA nationally-ranked Houghton. They battled the Highlanders to a 1-1 tie, but the outcome came with a price. All-conference and all-region midfielder Cindy Probus went down with a head injury and did not return for the rest of the season.

The kickers went into a brief skid by dropping three of their next four matches. The final nine games on the regular season schedule were all very winnable with seven set for the home turf. CU nipped Walsh, 3-2, drilled Ursuline, 6-0, and then received a jolt in the Homecoming match. Coasting along with a 5-0 lead over Roberts Wesleyan and with two goals already to her credit, Ruhlman suffered a knee injury that kept her out for seven straight matches. Cedarville finished the schedule with a 3-2-1 record.

The Jackets advanced to the NCCAA Midwest Region Tournament in time for Ruhlman to rejoin the squad. They brushed aside Grace by a 3-0 score on the home field behind Jane Adams' two goals. The campaign ended in a 2-0 loss at Spring Arbor in the championship game.

Adams matched her school record for most points in a season with 35. She netted 12 goals and tied the school mark with 11 assists. Ruhlman still finished second in scoring with 8 goals and 4 assists for 20 points. She leaves as Cedarville's all-time leader in goals (34), assists (27), and points (95). Melissa Fawcett started every game in goal with a 1.66 goals against average and a school record seven shutouts.

NCCAA ALL-AMERICAN
To Be Announced

NCCAA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES
Jessica Alexander
Alicia Anderson
Danielle Davidson
Lisa Hockenberry
Michelle Ruhlman
Jennifer Walker

NCCAA ALL-MIDWEST REGION TEAM
Jane Adams
Michelle Ruhlman

NAIA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES
Alicia Anderson
Jennifer Walker

NAIA ALL-REGION IX TEAM
Michelle Ruhlman, 1st Team

AMERICAN MIDEAST CONFERENCE

Michelle Ruhlman, 1st Team
Melissa Fawcett, 2nd Team
Jane Adams, Honorable Mention
Amanda Porter, Honorable Mention

AMERICAN MIDEAST CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Alicia Anderson
Jennifer Walker

AMC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Melissa Fawcett

CAPTAINS

Danielle Davidson, Michelle Ruhlman

LEADING SCORER

Jane Adams (12 goals, 11 assists, 35 points)

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Melissa Fawcett

MOST VALUABLE DEFENSIVE PLAYERS

Danielle Davidson

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Michelle Ruhlman